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Carlos -

Attached is the April San Jacinto site update for elected officials. Please let me know if you approve, or if you have any concerns or modifications. Relevant text of the report is below.

STATUS OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES:

I. Community Outreach

EPA will conduct a Community Awareness Committee meeting with State, Harris County, and local agencies on May 16, 2012, in Pasadena, Texas, to provide updates on current cleanup activities and future events. EPA, in coordination with the Highlands Community Advisory Group, is also planning a late spring community meeting near the site to update residents.

II. Source Stabilization

EPA will conduct a second quarterly cap inspection in May.

III. Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS)

A Potentially Responsible Party began field sampling on April 30, 2012, for the Southern Impoundment. Soil, sediment, and ground water samples are being collected, and sampling is expected to take 1 1/2 to 2 weeks to complete. EPA completed regulatory reviews and responses on the draft Exposure Assessment Memorandum and the draft Toxicological and Epidemiological Studies Memorandum. Reviews by the participating agencies (EPA, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Harris County, Port of Houston Authority and the Trustees) are in progress for a number of reports, including the draft Fate and Transport Model Study Report, the draft Remedial Alternatives Memorandum, and the draft Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment. Reviews of the sampling plan for the River Fleet property located northwest of the waste pits and regulatory reviews are continuing. Further, detailed plans for the proposed cap monitoring approach have been submitted by the Potentially Responsible Parties.

IV. Watershed Management

EPA continues to coordinate with the Port of Houston Authority, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). TCEQ envisions completing the total maximum daily load for Buffalo Bayou with regard to dioxin/furan by the end of 2012 and will put together a monitoring and implementation plan to reduce levels in Buffalo Bayou to within national background levels.

V. Enforcement

The potentially responsible party group continues to conduct the RI/FS under the Unilateral Administrative Order. Respondents continue to work towards resolving the outstanding issue of stipulated penalties resulting from prior noncompliance with the order.

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